And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's Mightiest Heroes found themselves united against a common threat! On that day, the Avengers were born, to fight the foes no single super hero could withstand!

THE NEW AVENGERS

One year ago...

Wanda Maximoff, the Scarlet Witch, experienced a total nervous breakdown after losing control of her reality-altering powers and Magneto, having lost the war against the humans that he sacrificed the well-being of his children for, is forced to watch his daughter suffer the loss of control over both her powers and her grip on reality.

Charles Xavier, unable to help the Scarlet Witch on his own, gathers the Avengers and X-Men to decide what to do with her. Refusing to accept that killing her is the only solution, the gathered heroes return to Genosha to confront Wanda in hopes of discovering what it is she wants.

Then the world burns away to white.

Wanda transforms the entire world into a utopia where mutants are the dominant species and most everyone is given their true heart's desire. Her father's dream has become a twisted reality—he is lord and master of the ruling class, the House of M. Only Wolverine seems to remember the world as it was and gathers his fellow heroes to try to bring reality back.

What no one knew was that even during this phantasm that almost destroyed reality, shape-shifting Skrulls had already infiltrated the super heroes' teams. Both Jessica Drew, a.k.a. Spider-Woman, and Hank Pym, a.k.a. Yellowjacket, were Skrull sleeper agents — and this was the break in ranks they were hoping for...

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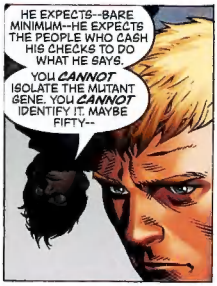
GENOSHA OUTPOST REPORTS IN.
EVERYTHING IS NORMAL.

CHICAGO
HE'LL FIRE YOU, DOCTOR PYM.
HE'LL UNDERSTAND WHEN HE SEES THE RESULTS. HE'LL---
NO, HE WON'T. LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT TONY STARK.
DR. McCOY, I DON'T NEED YOU TO---
LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT TONY STARK.


HE EXPECTS--BARE MINIMUM--HE EXPECTS THE PEOPLE WHO CASH HIS CHECKS TO DO WHAT HE SAYS.
YOU CANNOT ISOLATE THE MUTANT GENE. YOU CANNOT IDENTIFY IT. MAYBE FIFTY--

MAYBE FIFTY YEARS AGO. MAYBE AFTER WORLD WAR II, BUT NOT NOW.
JUST THE IDEA IS ANTI-MUTANT.

I LIKE YOU, HENRY. WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER A GOOD LONG TIME...

HEY, I KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, NO ONE GETS IT MORE THAN ME.
WHEN IT HAPPENED TO THE DINOSAURS-- THEY DIDN'T SEE IT COMING.
THEY DIDN'T HAVE THE INTELLECT OR CAPACITY TO UNDERSTAND IT.
BUT YOU DO.

YOU'RE WATCHING IT HAPPEN AND IT STINGS LIKE A BITCH.
IF THE ROLES WERE REVERSED I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'D DO.

YOU'RE RIGHT TO FEEL THE WAY YOU DO.
IT'S NOT FAIR THAT YOU HAVE TO SIT HERE, WITH FULL AWARENESS...
...AND WATCH IT SLOWLY HAPPEN.

COME ON, DON'T BE LIKE THIS.
LET'S GRAB SOME LUNCH?

HENRY.
HENRY, COME ON...

NO!
DOCTOR PYM, ARE YOU ALL—?
OH GOD!
IT'S OKAY.
STOP IT!
STOP! GET AHOLD OF YOURSELF
AGH!
GNH!
HOLD IT TOGETHER.
I AM YOUR QUEEN. YOU WILL HEED MY WORD.
YOUR NAME IS CRITI NOLL.
SAY IT! YOUR NAME IS CRITI NOLL.
MMMMM!

I AM YOUR QUEEN.
MY NAME IS VERANKE.
YOU HAVE SWORN YOUR ALLEGIANCE. SAY YOUR NAME.
CRITI.
YES.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND...
EVERYTHING IS--EVERYTHING IS WRONG.
YES.
YOU CALLED ME AND YOU SAID YOU WERE GOING TO GO WITH THE AVENGERS AND THE X-MEN AND DEAL WITH THE SCARLET WITCH.
YOU CALLED ME. DO YOU REMEMBER?
I DID.
I CALLED YOU.
YOU WENT TO THE SCARLET WITCH. AND THEN THE WORLD WENT WHITE.
THE WORLD WENT WHITE.
DID YOU KILL HER?
WHITE.
NO. NO. WE NEVER GOT TO HER.
WE CAME TO GENOSHA AND--
OH MY GOD.
SHE DID THIS?
SHE IS POWERFUL.
THAT'S WHY SHE WAS ON OUR LIST. WE COULDN'T POSSIBLY TAKE THE PLANET WITH HER ON IT.
SHE'S ONE OF THE REASONS WE ARE HERE. HIDING.
HOW? SHE--SHE ISN'T THIS POWERFUL. SHE ISN'T A GOD.
WHY--BUT WHY ISN'T THE WORLD IN CHAOS OVER THIS? WHY ISN'T THE WORLD REACTING?
DO THEY NOT KNOW?
Alison
FALL
Sarah & Almando
Show
Weekday Mornings

"I'LL FIND A RIDE.
"I'M SURE I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE READY TO TAKE OUT THE SCARLET WITCH."
DON'T STOP!
KEEP FIGHTING!
WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE? WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM US?!
WE CAN'T LOSE THIS!
BELIEVE IT OR NOT, ORORO, WE'RE YOUR FAMILY. SO TRY TO TAKE IT A LITTLE EASY ON US.
THIS IS MADNESS!

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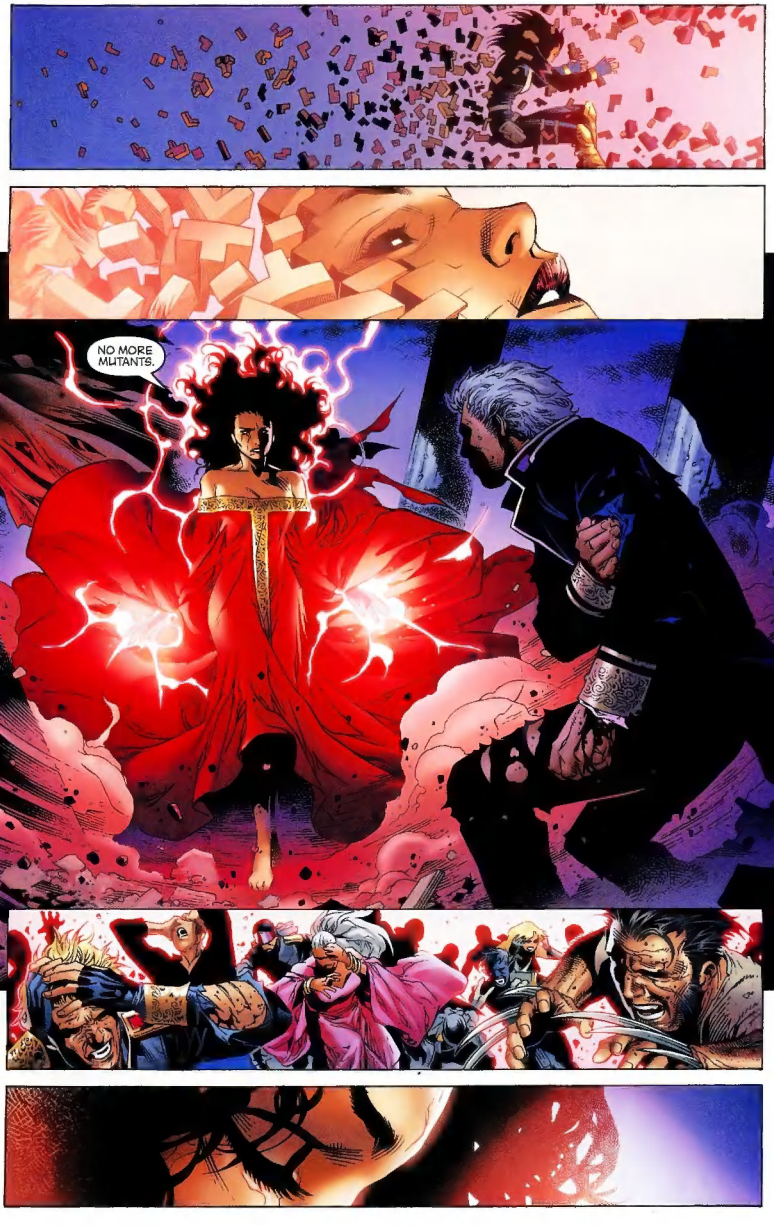
NO MORE MUTANTS.

THE ONLY THING THAT WAS STANDING IN THE WAY OF OUR FULL-SCALE INVASION OF THIS PLANET WAS THE GROWING MUTANT POPULATION...
AND HE SAW FIT TO ELIMINATE THIS PROBLEM FOR US.
FOGGER
WHERE THERE *WERE* THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS OF POWERED MUTANTS... *NOW* THERE ARE ONLY A *HANDFUL*.
YOU KNOW THIS TO BE FACT?
TONY STARK'S INTEL HAS THEM ALL BY NAME.
AND THE HUMANS ARE COVERING IT UP.
WHICH WILL BE SO EASY TO LEAK TO THE WORLD MEDIA, TO CAUSE EVEN *MORE*--
THIS PLACE IS *MADNESS*.
COMPLETELY.
THE HUMANS, HONESTLY, THEY SHOULD BE *THRILLED* TO HAVE US TAKE OVER.
THEY *NEED* US.
ANOTHER EVENT LIKE THIS AND THEIR REALITY WILL CEASE TO BE.
DEATH. RESURRECTION.
WHAT IS DEATH IF IT MEANS NOTHING? LIFE MATTERS. DEATH MATTERS.
THIS-- THIS--THIS MADNESS IN ITS--
MY QUEEN...
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
LEAVE HER BE. SHE BARELY SURVIVED A TRAUMATIC--
I HAVE NEWS.
IT'S--IT'S TOO MUCH TO EVEN SAY.

ANNIHILATION DAY,
PLUS 15